

MAGAZINE BLOWS UP AT ANNABELLE; ONE MAN IS HURT

He Was Three Quarters of
a Mile From the Ex-
plosion.

COUNTRYSIDE ALARMED

People Feared Big Mine Dis-
aster Had Oc-
curred.

When a car load of powder belong-
ing to the Four States Coal company
at Annabelle let go at ten minutes to
three o'clock this morning, Artie
Woods was painfully injured, several
others cut by flying glass and doors
and windows in every house in Anna-
belle torn out, besides a hole being
made in the ground into which would
fit a six room house.

The powder was in the Four States
company's magazine which had just
been filled two days before. The
powder was carefully put away at the
time and no detail left undone which
is necessary to make explosives safe.

The cause of the detonation which
was felt all over the county is un-
known. As soon as the village was
awakened fears were felt for the
mine, as the motor which runs the
fan had been in the process of repair
for the past five days and all figured
the mine had been wrecked by gas ex-
plosion.

The detonation was felt in Fair-
mont, having rocked the city hall and
awakening many from their slumber.
Many who heard the noise at first
thought it was thunder but when told
of the explosion this morning were
certain that it was the Annabelle
racket which had awakened them.

The terrific report was heard at Man-
nington, Shinnston and out of the way
places in Mannington district as well
as small hamlets along the Marion
county border in Harrison county.

Farmers for miles around hearing
the noise hitched up their horses and
those who have autos boarded them
and went immediately to the ap-
parent source of the explosion thinking
a repetition of the Monongah disaster
of 1906 was at hand. But the mine
was found in perfect shape, even the
violence of the powder magazine ex-
plosion failing to injure the machin-
ery.

The nearest house to the magazine,
the compressor building which is
nearly three quarters of a mile away,
had the roof blown off and the doors
and windows sent flying through the
air.

Behind one of the doors was Artie
Woods, who was oiling the compres-
sor. The door struck him, knocking him
down and breaking two ribs on the
right side. He was brought to Fair-
mont Hospital No. 3 on the 5 o'clock
Clarksburg car this morning and is
reported at that institution as being
but slightly injured other than the
fractured ribs. He will live, being
conscious at all times.

Others at Annabelle were the vic-
tims of pieces of glass which had for-
merly been the lights in the windows
of their houses. Several houses were
cracked and many of them shaken so
badly that china and glassware and
other breakable objects were smashed.

The amount of damage has not yet
been estimated by the officials of the
company. An investigation is in
progress concerning the manner in
which the powder was packed away,
but it is thought there will be nothing
developed as those who were in charge
of laying up the powder when it was
taken from the railway car have al-
ready claimed that there could have
been no accident from the manner in
which it was packed. This statement
has not however been given out of-
ficially. Some fear that lighting
may have set the place afire and that
the explosion resulted.

Hundreds of people from the re-
gions surrounding Annabelle made the
trip on "The Goat" this morning to
the mine to get a glimpse of the dam-
age done. They looked in awe at the
hole made in the ground, at the hun-
dreds of windowless and doorless
houses which are the abodes of the
miners and other employees of the
Four States company. The auxiliary
powder magazine, the house in which
is stored the powder brought daily
from the main magazine for the use
of miners was unharmed. This house
is considerable distance from the
larger magazine.

The Annabelle operators are con-
sidering their coal to points on the
Great Lakes.

Big Car Strike May Be Settled

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Settlement of
street railway strike in New York
which has partly tied up the surface
lines hung in the balance this after-
noon.

Striking employees ratified a tenta-
tive agreement between them and the
company proposed yesterday by May-
mitchell and the Public Service
Commission. The directors of the
company considering ratification at a
meeting this afternoon.

Union leaders said the men were
ready to go back to work if the agree-
ment is ratified by the company.

CITY TAX RATE GOT FIVE CENT INCREASE TODAY

Common Council Called For
a Meeting This Even-
ing.

THREE MATTERS ARE UP

If Council Does Not Veto
Them They Become a
Law.

For the first time in many months
the Common council of the city of
Fairmont will meet tonight in session
to pass on ordinances rushed through
at the meeting of the city Board of
Affairs today.

The council will have before it an
ordinance passed by the Board of Af-
fairs which calls for an increase of
five cents on the levy for the cur-
rent fiscal year, which levy is made
because of the many proposed im-
provements as well as the large
amount of sewer and street work be-
ing done at present. The levy was
passed this morning by the Board of
Affairs thus bringing the amount to
40 cents. The Board also passed the
ordinances for the last time in which
the paving of Morgantown avenue and
East Park avenue is requested.

These three ordinances will be law
should the council fail to sit tonight.
That body has veto powers only and
should there be no quorum, regardless
of how the councilmen stand on the
matter the bill becomes a law.

At the meeting of the Board today
ordinances were introduced providing
for the paving of Seventh street and
Oakwood road with concrete. Blaine
street to the corporation limits will
also be paved with concrete in case
the ordinance is passed by the council
the first Monday of September.

The Board was kept busy all morn-
ing with the paving and levy matters
and adjourned at noon to convene at
two o'clock when the report of the wa-
ter department on the fire plugs was
read.

SPEED GOES WEST TO HUNT FACTORIES

Industrial Engineer Leaves
to talk With Inquiring
Manufacturers.

Industrial Engineer F. R. Speed of
the Chamber of Commerce left this
morning on a western trip that will
include Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland
and Detroit.

A number of inquiries concerning
Fairmont as a possible industrial lo-
cation has been received by Mr. Speed
and this trip is in order to obtain a
personal interview with several man-
ufacturers who are considering this
town as a possible location for their
factories. Speed will probably not re-
turn until the latter part of the week.

The regular monthly meeting of the
Chamber of Commerce which was set
for Thursday has been postponed.

John S. Walker Buried Today

MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF PYTH-
IAS AND MODERN WOODMEN
LODGE AT CEMETERY.

The funeral of John S. Walker, a
former well known citizen of this city
whose death occurred on Thursday,
at Colorado Springs, Colo., where he
had spent the past two years, took
place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock
from the First M. P. church and was
conducted by Rev. L. E. Oldaker and
Rev. Mr. Turkelson, a former pastor
of the church who is now a resident
of Buchanan. Following the cere-
mony which was largely attended the
body was conveyed to Maple Grove
cemetery where it was laid to rest.
Undertaker Eli Musgrave officiating.

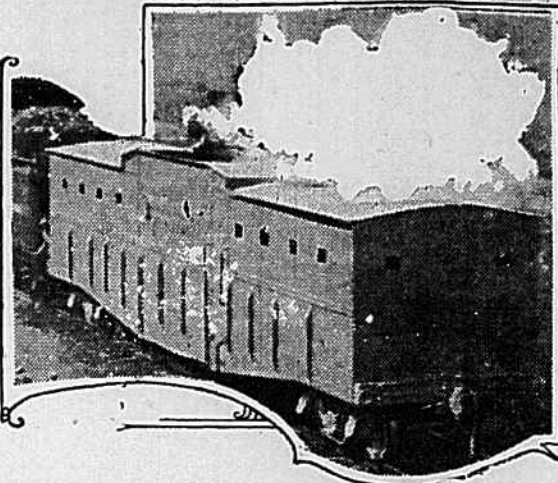
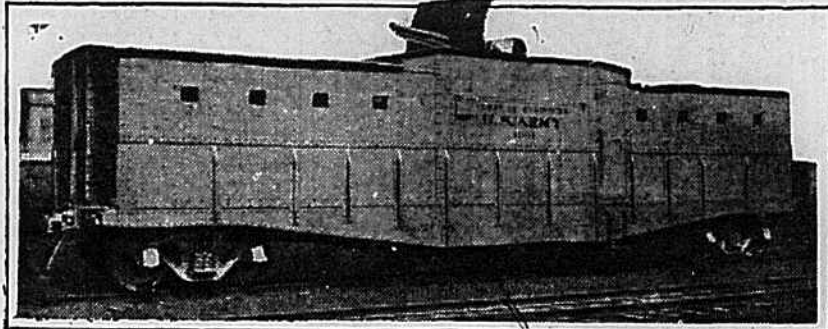
The deceased was a charter mem-
ber of Eureka lodge No. 15 Knight of
Pythias, of Watson and this order at-
tended the funeral in a body as did
also the local lodge Modern Woodmen
of the World to which organization
Mr. Walker also belonged.

The body of Mr. Walker accompanied
by his wife and two daughters ar-
rived here at 3:45 this morning and
was taken to the home of Mrs. Wal-
ker's sister, Mrs. C. O. Hayhurst on
Sixth street.

Payroll Robbery at Beach Bottom

(By Associated Press.)
WHEELING, Aug. 7.—The safe in
office of the Foundation Company at
Beach Bottom, W. Va., was forced
some time between Saturday after-
noon and this morning and \$2,700 stol-
en. The company is a branch of the
American Electric company and the
money was a part of its payroll.

Uncle Sam's Newest Machine of War!



Armored cars for the United States army, designed primarily to guard
railroads and territory adjacent to railroad lines, and for transporting
troops past danger points, are being turned out by the Standard Steel Car
company at Hammond, Ind., and rushed to the testing grounds at Sandy
Hook, N. J. These cars are armored with one-inch steel plates and equip-
ped with a three-inch field gun and 20 rapid fire guns, the latter to be op-
erated through openings in the sides of the car.

In the picture above the car is ready for action. In the picture below the
field gun has just been fired.

Guard on Maine Coast Thinks He Saw the Submarine Bremen

(By Associated Press.)
MACHIASPORT, Me., Aug. 7.—Capt.
Small of the Cross Island coast guard
station reported today that his station
had sighted a large submarine bound
west. Its nationality could not be
learned, but the captain said he had no
doubt it was an undersea craft.

The submarine was coming to the
surface when it was sighted and after
running awash fifteen minutes it again
submerged.

It was thought the vessel might be
the German Bremen.

So far as can be learned there are
no United States submarines on the
Maine coast.

HUGHES HAS BUSY FIRST DAY OUT

Chairman Wilcox Will Ap-
point Advisory Commit-
tee to Help.

(By Associated Press.)
DETROIT, Aug. 7.—Chas. Evans
Hughes, Republican candidate for the
presidency of the United States, will
open the 1916 presidential campaign
here this evening with two addresses.
Arriving at Niagara Falls shortly af-
ter 8 a. m. the nominee had a busy
day before him. With a series of re-
ceptions, conferences with party lead-
ers, Progressives as well as Republi-
cans, a visit to Navy field to witness
part of a ball game, a tour of auto-
mobile plants, a visit with newspaper
men and two speeches in the auditor-
ium in the city, Mr. Hughes faced a
program that left him little time that
he could call his own.

With Mr. Hughes' arrival it became
known that an advisory board of five
or nine members probably will be
named during the week by Chairman
Wilcox to assist him in the manage-
ment of the campaign. It was said
that three of the members would be
William Loeb, Charles D. Hiles and
George E. Cortelyou.

Brief Telegrams.

LONDON—Baron Wimborne has
been restored to his post of lord lieut-
enant of Ireland from which he was
relieved when the recent rebellion
broke out.

CONNELLSVILLE—P. R. Weimer,
one of the oldest mail carriers here,
has been arrested on charges of rob-
bing the mails.

WASHINGTON—Every Democratic
and Republican candidate for Con-
gress in both houses will be asked by
the National Woman Suffrage Asso-
ciation to define his attitude on the
woman suffrage issue.

ST. LOUIS—Electric fans have
been installed in the lion house at
the local zoo and are kept going night
and day. The floors of the cages are
kept cool with streams of running ice
water.

Complete Count of Trainmen's Vote

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. The task of
counting the votes of approximately
400,000 railroad employees on the ques-
tion of authorizing a general strike
should their demand for eight-hour day
and time and half for over time, be
finally denied was completed at noon.
Although official statement could be
obtained as to the result it was learn-
ed authoritatively that the vote was
overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

TURKS WERE BADLY BEATEN BY BRITISH

Their Approach Upon Suez
Canal Was Most Labor-
iously Made.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 7.—The most re-
cent attempt of the Turks to reach
the Suez canal has proved an even
greater failure than earlier reports
indicated. Lieutenant General Sir
Archibald J. Murray, commander of
British troops in Egypt, reports today
that beside taking more than 3,000
prisoners in the battle at Romani,
his forces inflicted very heavy losses
on them, and had continued the per-
suit for 15 miles, clearing the Turks
from the Katia Basin.

The Turkish advance as far as Ro-
mani was made in the face of the
greatest difficulty. The six inch guns
were dragged across the desert after
rewards of planks had been placed to
prevent the wheels sinking into the
sand.

German attacks at Thiesmont and in
Vaux and Chapelle woods in the Ver-
dun region is announced in an of-
ficial statement issued by French War
office this afternoon.

BERLIN, Aug. 7.—German troops
recaptured portions of the trench
which had been taken by the British
near Pozieres on the Somme front. It
was announced officially today. In
the Carpathians the German state-
ment adds German troops have gain-
ed the Desekowka heights on the
Chernowit river.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 7.—Further suc-
cess of Russians along the Sereth and
Graberka rivers in North Galicia south
of Brody were announced by the War
office today. The Russians captured
strongly fortified position.

Infant Buried By Side of Her Mother

The body of the infant daughter of
Howard Dawson, whose death occur-
ed at Farmington on Saturday, was
buried today beside the grave of its
mother, who died a short time ago.
Services were held this morning at
eleven o'clock conducted by Rev. Sta-
naker and interment was made in the
I. O. O. F. cemetery at Farmington.
Mr. Dawson, father of the child, is su-
perintendent of the Federal coal com-
pany.

The Weather.

West Virginia — Fair tonight and
Tuesday.
LOCAL WEATHER READINGS
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 75.
Yesterday's weather, partly cloudy;
temperature, maximum 94; minimum
71; precipitation, trace.

STEAMER RUTH MAY SOON APPEAR IN FAIRMONT

Ohio and Kanawha Trans-
portation Company Now
Investigating.

WILL MAKE TRIAL TRIP

Not Connected With Pitts-
burgh and Brownsville
Packet Plans.

There is prospect of an early res-
toration of regular packet traffic on
the Monongahela up to this point
without anything being done about it
locally. The Wheeling Telegraph of
Saturday printed the following:

There will be more boats oper-
ating in the Ohio river between
Pittsburgh and down river points
next summer than ever in the his-
tory of the Ohio river.

There is a possibility of a new
packet line operating in the Pitts-
burgh-Fairmont trade in the near
future.

Captain H. C. Donnelly, one of
the owners of the Ohio and Kan-
awha Transportation company,
yesterday stated he was investi-
gating the possibilities of this new
venture and is awaiting word
from his partner, Captain Fred
Hornbrook, who is now at Point
Pleasant. It is likely the steam-
er Ruth will be placed in that
trade because it is adapted for
the upper river.

A trial trip will be made with-
in a few weeks. Fairmont, Mor-
gantown, Brownsville and other
cities will benefit by this new
venture.

This is a venture distinct from the
Pittsburgh and Brownsville Packet
company, which recently secured a
charter from the state of Pennsylv-
ania to operate a packet line be-
tween Pittsburgh and Brownsville.
The incorporators of that concern are
Orville Noll, who gave his address as
the office of the Pittsburgh and Cin-
cinnati Wharf Boat company, Wood
street, Pittsburgh, and Robert T.
Houlden and Elmer E. Barchfield,
of Room 302 Frick building, Pitts-
burgh.

These gentlemen said when they
appeared before the Pennsylvania
Public Service Commission that if the
business paid they would extend the
line to Morgantown and it was sug-
gested at the time that they might be
induced to come a little further and
run their boats to Fairmont.

Cumberland's Tire Plant Deal Wobbles

CUMBERLAND, Md., Aug. 7.—It
was stated officially here that Cum-
berland could not accept the proposal
of the Kelley-Springfield Tire Com-
pany to locate a rubber tire plant here
as outlined to the Cumberland Cham-
ber of Commerce committee and a
committee of local bankers at the of-
fices of R. P. Goldschmidt & Co.,
bankers, New York.

In substance, the proposal of the
Kelley-Springfield people will be that
Cumberland build and equip the plant.
This would cost \$1,500,000, a sum in
excess of the reserve of the Cum-
berland banks by \$300,000. This would
close the banks and tie up the city
financially. It is thought the propo-
sition will be met by a counter propo-
sition, and that the people here will
adhere to their original offer of \$250-
000 to secure the plant. Members of
the committee state that should the
people agree to the demand of the
Kelley-Springfield people no guaran-
tee would be given that the plant
would be kept in operation.

Wheeling Doctors Fall Out on Plague

(By Associated Press.)
WHEELING, Aug. 7.—The first
case reported here as infantile paraly-
sis resulted fatally today when the
infant child of Walter McCoy died. Dr.
W. T. Phillips who attended the child
reported it as infantile paralysis.

Dr. W. C. Etzler the city health com-
missioner issued a statement in which
he declared death was not due to that
cause.

MARION COUNTY HAS CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT

Marion County's
Choice for the
Supreme Court

HON. WINFIELD S. MEREDITH
HAS SERVED FAITHFULLY IN
MANY CAPACITIES.

The selection of Hon. Winfield Scott
Meredith by the Marion county Repub-
licans Saturday as the logical candi-
date for the office of Judge of Su-
preme Court of Appeals of West Vir-
ginia, is only a slight measure of the
esteem and appreciation that Marion
county Republicans have for this emi-
nent local attorney. Mr. Meredith is
a friendly plain spoken man who is
known to everyone in the county, and
delights to call himself "only an at-
torney engaged in the practice of law."

While Mr. Meredith may be only an
attorney, yet he is one of the busiest
of the attorneys in this section of the
state and there are few important
cases that are heard in any of the
courts in which he is not one of the
counsel engaged in the matter.

Born in Marion county, August 1855,
Mr. Meredith has been a lifelong re-
sident of the county and for more than
30 years has been engaged in the
practice of his profession. Both his
father and grandfather were citizens
of this county when it was still a part
of Virginia. Educated in the public
schools of Marion county and the
Fairmont State Normal school, Mr.
Meredith taught in the Normal school
and read law under James A. Mor-
row, of Fairmont who was one of the
leading lawyers of the new state. Af-
ter being admitted to the bar young
Meredith served as Marion county's
prosecuting attorney for two terms.

During this time he was still con-
nected with educational work and for
many years was one of the trustees
of the Fairmont Normal school serv-
ing with J. E. Sands and J. H. Brown-
field. President of Fairmont district
board of education for three terms,
Mr. Meredith has always been inter-
ested in the schools of the state.

While engaged in the practice of
law Mr. Meredith has frequently been
asked to preside in the courts of Mar-
ion, Monongalia and Harrison county.
Although not a politician Judge Mc-
Meredith has always been a strong Repub-
lican supporter and has representative
this county in the state senate for four
years. During that time he served as
chairman of the committee on judi-
ciary affairs and was also the chairman
of the Republican caucus. Other
members of the senate at the time
Mr. Meredith was a member were
Howard Sutherland, H. D. Hatfield, E.
T. England and Fred O. Blue. All of
these men are well known Republi-
cans and all are now holding promi-
nent state offices.

Only once has Judge Meredith been
defeated for a public office. This was
when he and Judge A. G. Dayton were
both candidates for the Republican
nomination for Congress. Judge Mc-
Meredith withdrew at the Terra Alta
convention in favor of Dayton when a
deadlock threatened because of his
strong support from this section of
the state.

TURPENTINE SET HOUSE ON FIRE

Central Fire Department
Had Two Runs Over
Week End.

The Central Fire department rushed
to the home of June Clark at 610
Walnut street at eleven thirty last
night in response to a call from that
section. The attic of the Clark home
was afire when the firemen arrived
and the blaze was soon put under
control with chemicals. The fire start-
ed from spontaneous combustion, Mr.
Clark having upset a can of turpentine
Saturday night and having permitted
the mop which he used to dry it up
to remain behind the attic door.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Clark
when he heard the wood in his attic
stairway crackling. Going toward the
attic he saw the flames eating their
way down stairs and immediately no-
tified the fire department. The dam-
ages will reach several hundred dol-
lars as everything in the attic was
ruined.

The Central fire department was
called Saturday evening to Barnesville
where lightning had struck the Barnes-
ville school and ripped the roof, which
had some electric wires, which in
turn shot small flames along the crev-
ice. The firemen had no trouble in
getting the fire out.

Switchmen Agree to Arbitration

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, August 7.—George W.
Hanger, of the United States Board of
mediation and Conciliation announced
today that as a result of the confer-
ences between representatives of the
Switchmen's union of North America
and the railroads both sides had agreed
to settle their differences by arbitra-
tion.

Delegates Will Support W.
S. Meredith at Hunt-
ington.

WAS GREAT CONVENTION

Saturday's Meeting Was
Large and Enthusias-
tic.

The new Republican headquarters
today are open and the cheering sub-
ject that is the chief topic of dis-
cussion is the successful convention
which was held Saturday for the pur-
pose of selecting delegates to the
Huntington convention, Thursday Au-
gust 10. The officials of the Marion
County Republican executive com-
mittee were surprised at the interest
shown this early in the campaign man-
ifested by the large attendance Sat-
urday. The district court room in which
the meeting was held was filled with
the visitors from throughout the coun-
ty. The warm sultry afternoon failed
to dull the enthusiasm of the ear-
nest citizens and the business of the
afternoon was conducted without de-
lay. After the opening prayer by
Rev. C. H. Meredith, Harry Shaw was
made chairman and Rollo Conley sec-
retary. The business of selecting the
delegates to the Huntington conven-
tion was the first matter to be consid-
ered and those present from each
district got together and picked the
following men:

Fairmont District—W. S. Meredith,
W. H. Brand, A. J. Stone, Edwin Rob-
inson, Kemble White, W. J. Wiegand
and J. G. Prichard.
Mannington District—A. A. Heldreth,
Dr. R. M. Hite, C. W. Robinson, J. B.
Knotts.
Union District—Hugh F. Smith,
Harry Shaw, J. W. McDonald.
Lincoln District—S. K. Jacobs, W.
H. Yeach, W. H. Grandstaff.
Paw Paw District—S. D. Satter-
field, Alph Tennant.
Grant District—Perry Burton.
Winfield District—J. A. Meredith.

Owing to the hot afternoon and the
crowded room, the majority of the
speech program was dispensed with
and those who did talk made their
remarks short and effective. Harry
Shaw opened the meeting with a few
concise remarks concerning the ob-
ject of the meeting and after the dele-
gates had been selected Hon. Thomas
W. Fleming, Republican candidate for
Congress from this district, made a
short address in which he placed the
name of W. S. Meredith before the
delegates as the logical candidate for
one of the two supreme court judges
which are to be chosen at Huntington,
Thursday. This suggestion was un-
animously approved and the entire
list of delegates are pledged to sup-
port Judge Meredith at the state con-
vention.

Judge Meredith when called upon
for a speech in a few eloquent words
thanked the assembled Republicans
for the honor they had conferred upon
him and predicted a large Republican
majority in Marion county at the fall
election.

The Republican delegates to the
Huntington convention will leave Wed-
nesday evening on the four o'clock
car for Clarksburg. Leaving Clarks-
burg at 6:05 on Train 55, the party
will arrive at Parkersburg at 8:55 p.
m. From Parkersburg the night de-
partment of the Ohio river will car-
ry the party to Huntington where they
arrive at eight o'clock in the morning
fresh and ready for the day's business.
The twenty-one delegates selected are
representative citizens and all well-
known as good Republicans, who have
long been active in party work in Mar-
ion county.

At Republican Headquarters today
a number of plans for the campaign
in this county are being worked out.
One of these which shows that the
man Frank R. Amos and Secretary E.
C. Frame are live and hustling men
is the plan for the establishment of a
Republican headquarters office at the
Fair ground during Fair week. Booth
Number 5 under the grandstand was
secured today from Secretary
John S. Scott of the Fair, and is one
of the largest and most favorably lo-
cated of any of the booths.

At this point it will be a representa-
tive of the county executive com-
mittee and a representative of the Fair-
mont West Virginian. Ice water will
be on hand in large quantities and every
convenience for the Republicans
who visit the Fair will be offered free.
The West Virginian representative
will distribute copies of this paper
to all of the visitors. The booth will
be equipped with telephones and in-
formation facilities for the benefit of
all candidates and party workers who
may desire to use them.

HARTLEY'S Sale of Furniture Begins Tomorrow

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NOTICE.

Consumers of city water are not-
ified that an impure condition in
the water prevails at this time and
boiling water for drinking pur-
poses is recommended by the City
Health department. The impurity
will probably be corrected within a
week.